



Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R §1.121 and §1.111
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/834,307
Applicant : Richard J. Whitbourne et al.
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2004, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Reply. The Application is amended as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 8.

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